# *Executive Proclamation*
## *State of South Dakota*
## *Office of the Governor*

***Whereas***, A & Z Music was founded by John Askew and Hank Ziegler in 1973 at 419 South Pierre Street in Pierre, South Dakota, moved to their current location on West Sioux Avenue in 1976, and have served central South Dakota for 31 years; and,

***Whereas***, John traveled to all the schools in a 150-mile radius working with band directors, fixing instruments, and tuning pianos bringing the tough jobs back to Pierre for Hank, the head repairman; and,

***Whereas***, John and Hank rented thousands of band instruments in central South Dakota. They had a very generous rental policy for kids in band–as long as some payment was made, and the instrument was still in use, that was good enough for them; and,

***Whereas***, A & Z Music is currently the last full line music store in South Dakota, and one of the last in the United States, which means they actually sell and service all areas of the music business; and,

***Whereas***, It is time for John and Hank to enjoy retirement after 31 years of service to the music community, and their friends, families and customers will celebrate with them at a picnic in honor of A & Z Music:

***Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds***, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim July 29, 2004, as

*A & Z MUSIC DAY*

in South Dakota.

***In Witness Whereof***, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-first Day of July in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Four.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

**Attest:**

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State